

# Predicting the Fuel Economy Impact of “Cold-Start” for Reformed Gasoline Fuel Cell Vehicles

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

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# Outline

- Objective of Study
  - 5 questions to be answered
- Results
  - Answers to the 5 questions
- Conclusions

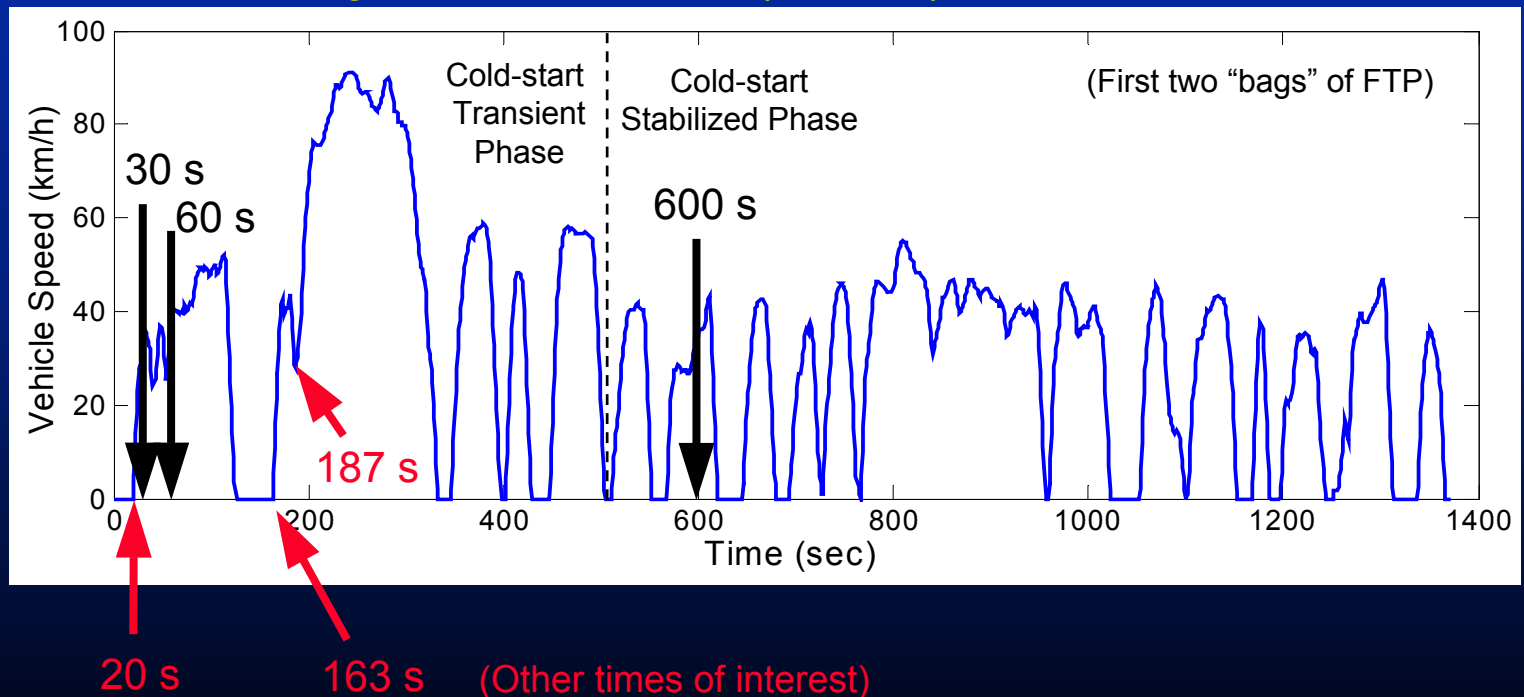
# Objectives of Reformer Warm-up and Drive Cycle Interaction Analysis

- Objective: Articulate cold-start impact for a lightweight advanced FC vehicle system with on-board gasoline reforming
  -  – Minimum power and energy requirements for FTP drive cycle
  -  – Energy storage requirements if hybridization is required for startup
  -  – Determine off-cycle (non-FTP) requirements for reformer fuel cell systems
  -  – Fuel economy impacts of reformer warm-up on FTP
  -  – Examine combined reformer warmup and hybridization impacts
- Simulation results indicate ...
  - Fuel economy penalty may be significant
  - Drive cycle demands could likely be met with relatively small battery...hybridization is beneficial
  - Off-cycle demands significantly greater than for FTP

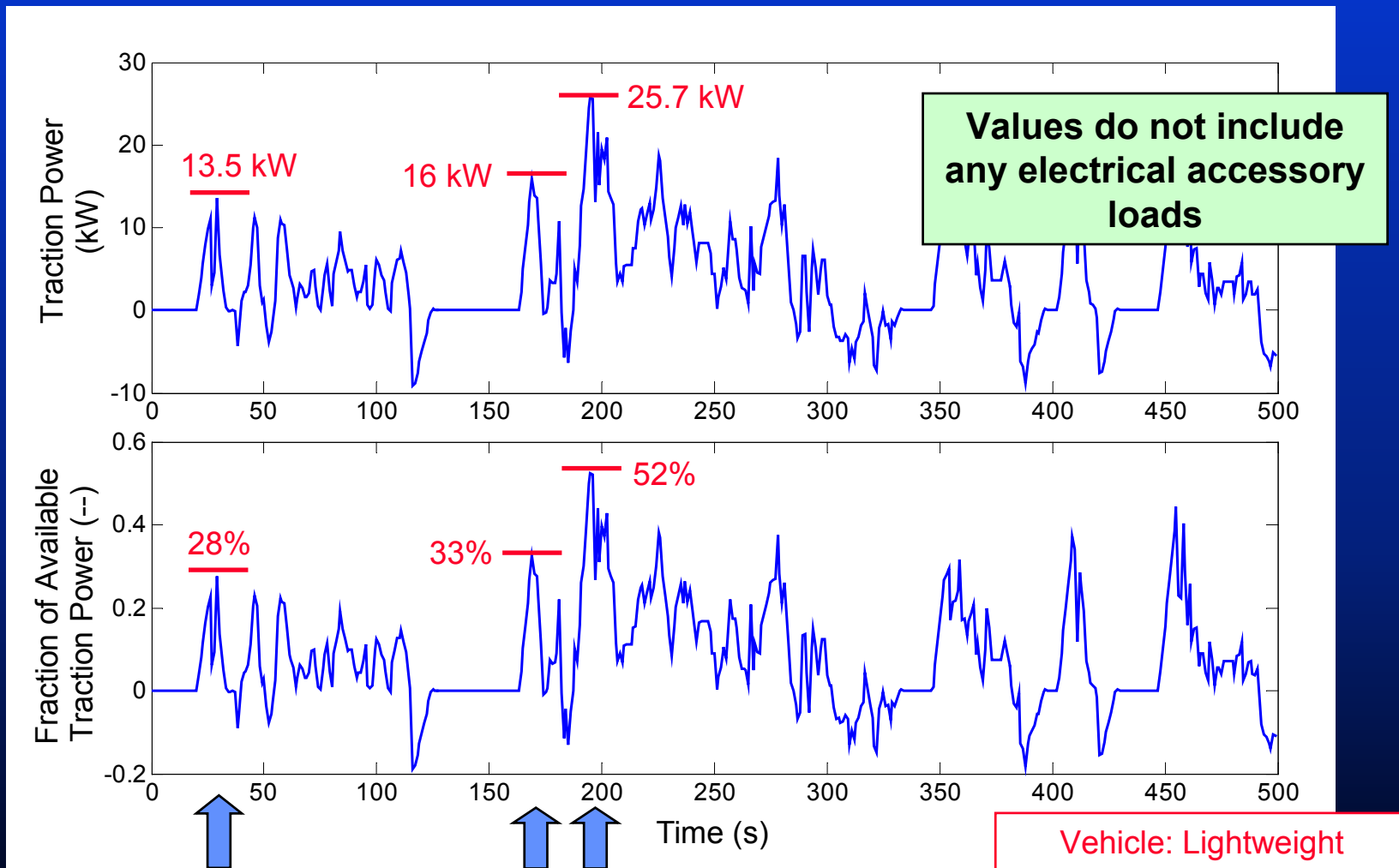
# Vehicle Level Impact of FTP with Overlays of DOE Reformer Fuel Cell Start-up Targets



- Fuel Processor to Generate H<sub>2</sub>-Containing Fuel Gas from RFG for 50 kW<sub>e</sub> Fuel Cell System:
  - 2001 status: <10 minutes (600 sec)
  - 2005 target: < 1 minute (60 sec)
  - 2010 target: < 0.5 minute (30 sec)



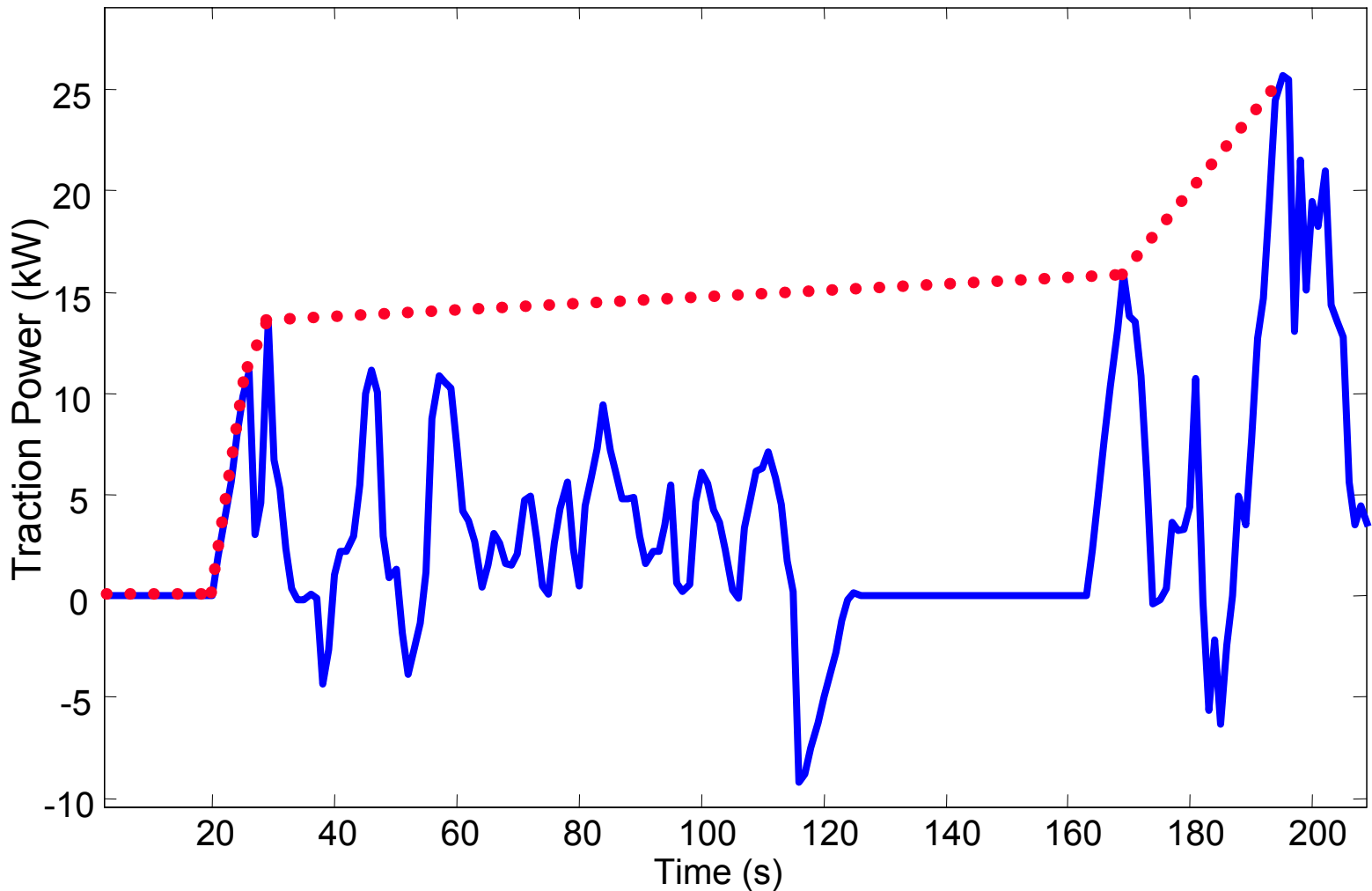
# ADVISOR Simulations Calculated Power Requirements for First Part of FTP



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Advanced Reformed  
Fuel Cell Vehicle (50 kWe)

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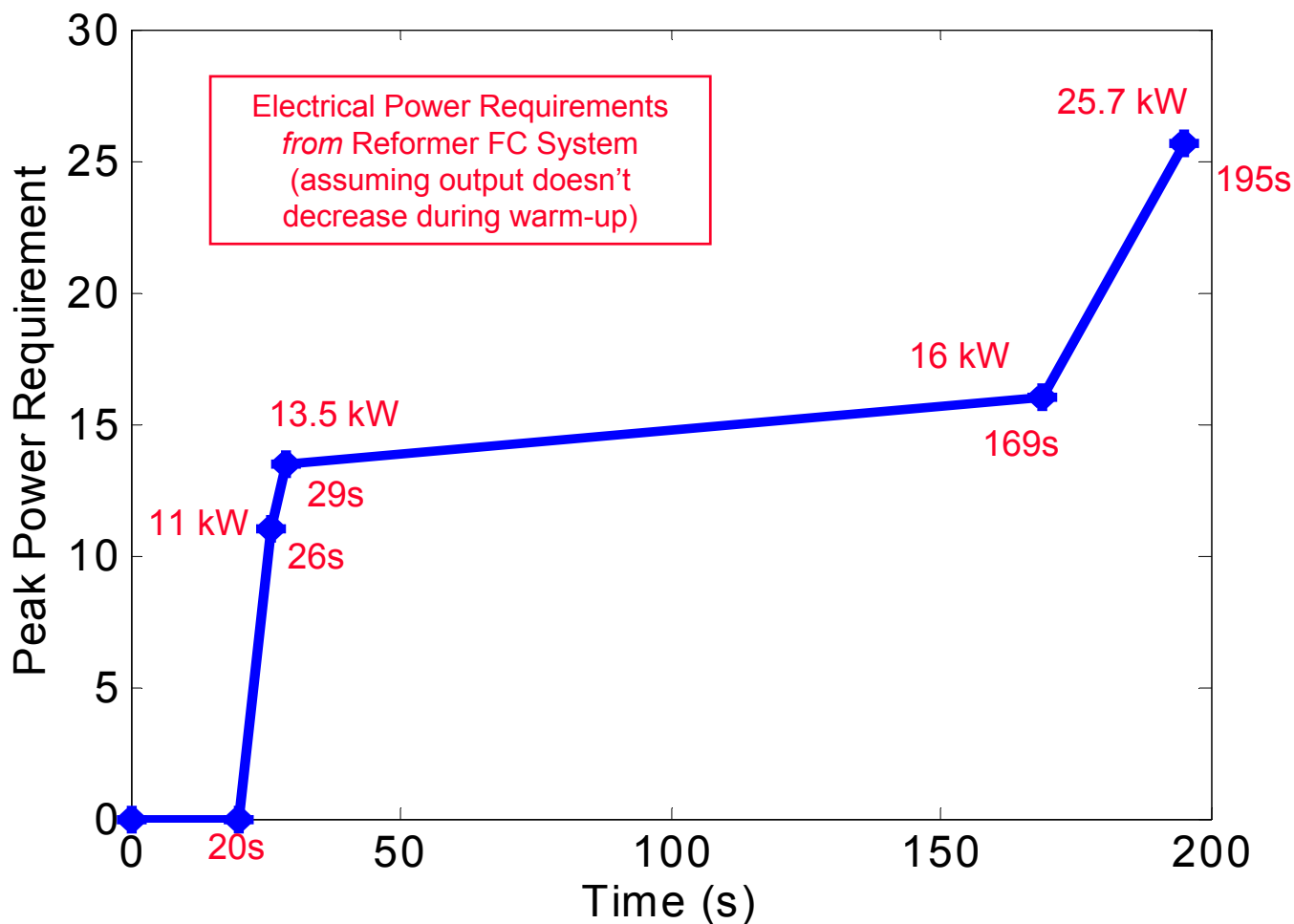
# Drawing Power Envelope for First 200 Seconds of FTP for this Vehicle



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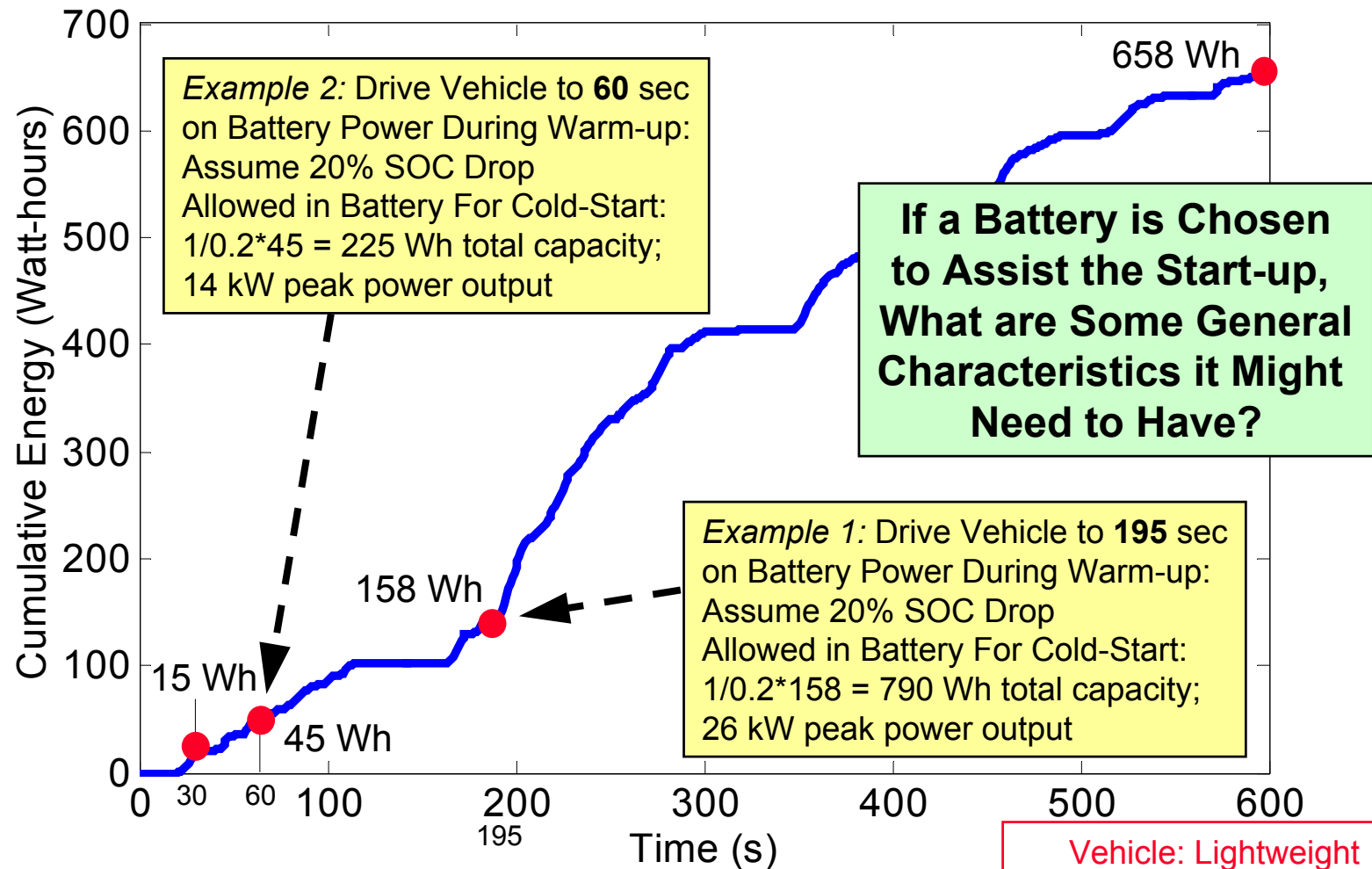
# Resulting Minimum Power Requirements of FC System During First 200 seconds



\* Does not include accessory loads

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# Cumulative FTP Cycle Energy Required for Lightweight Advanced Vehicle (at motor terminals)



\* Does not include accessory loads or battery efficiency

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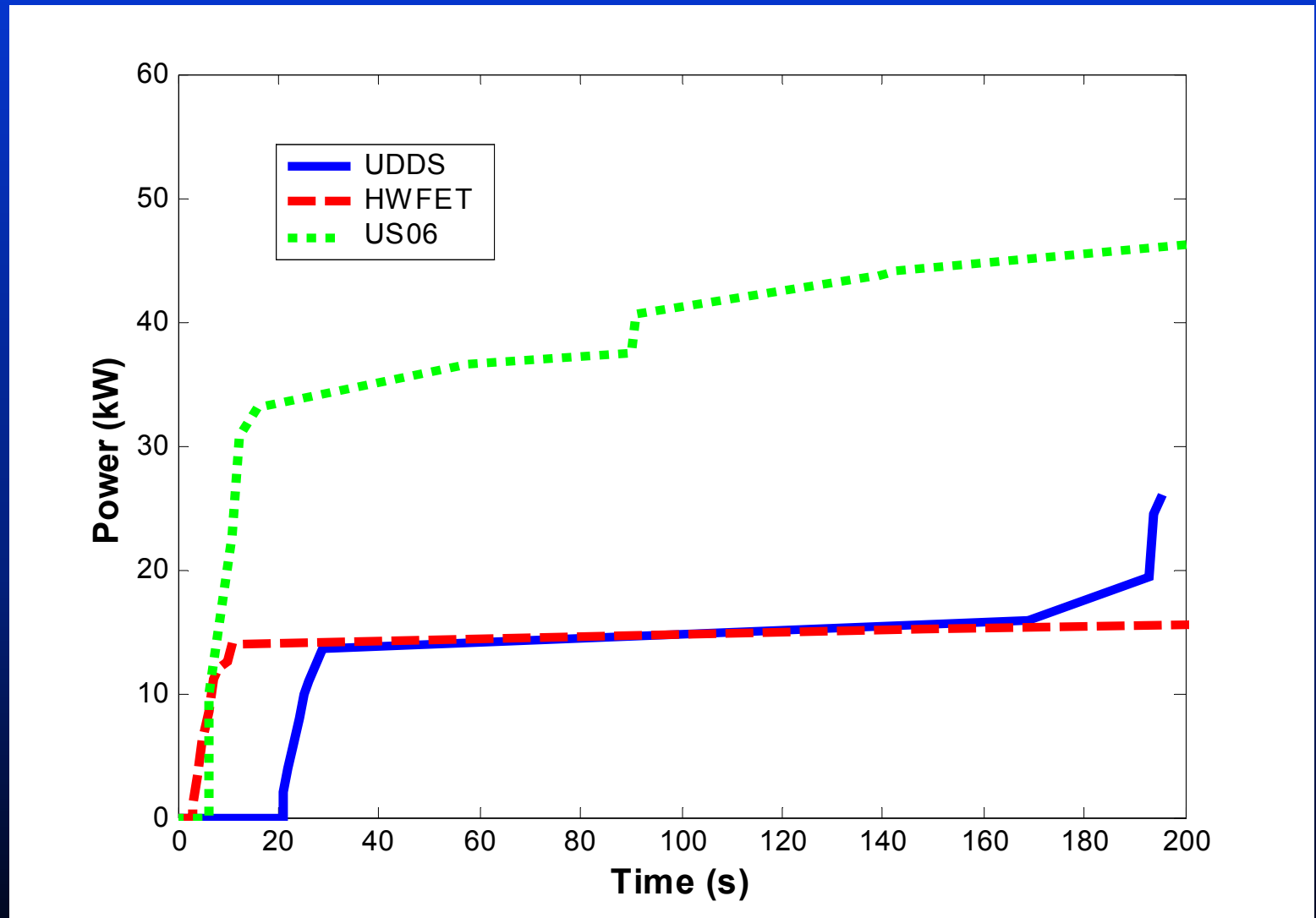
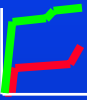
# Comparison of FTP Battery Energy Requirements to Commercial HEVs



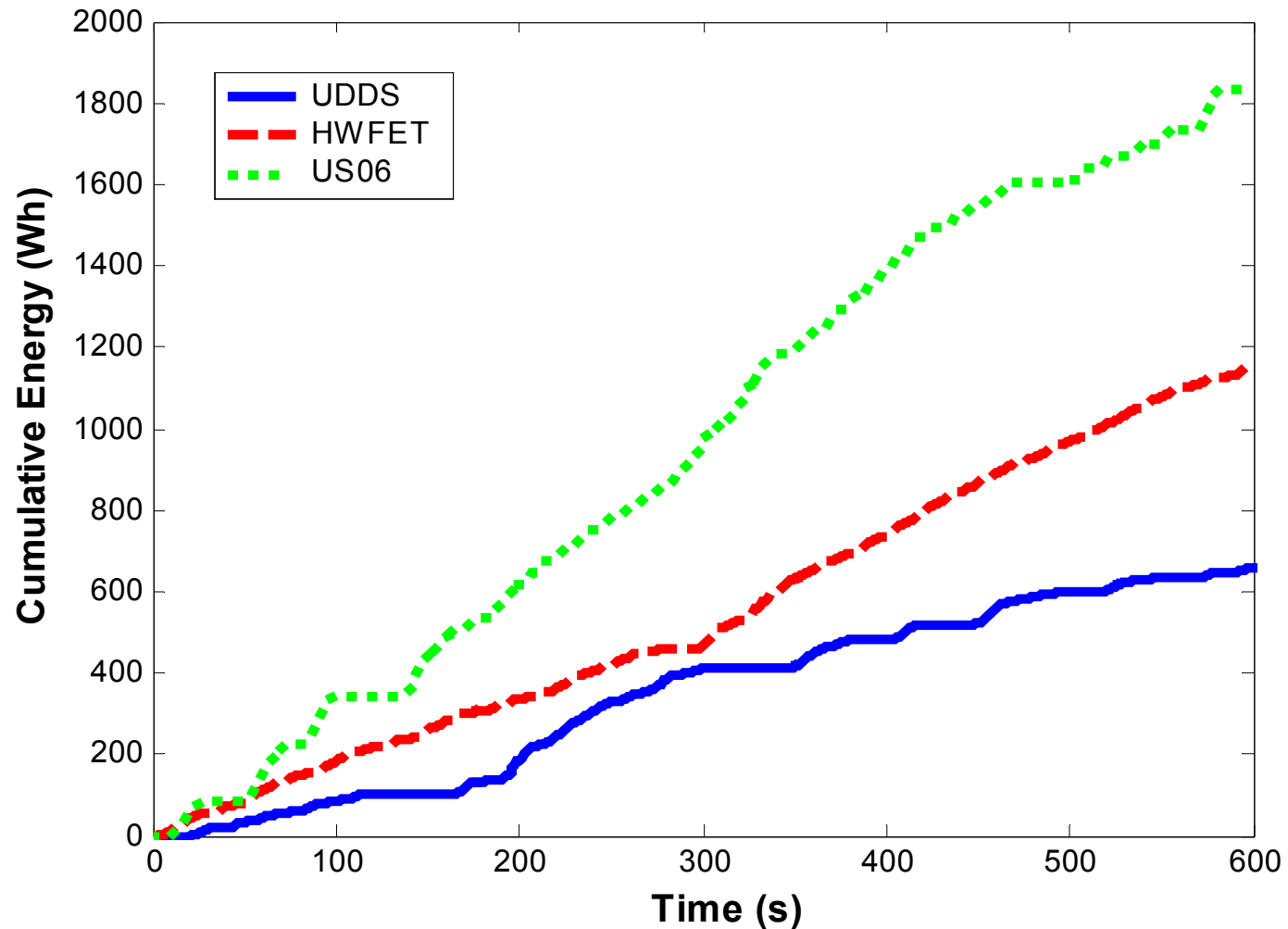
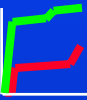
Reformer Warmup Time (s)	Power (kW)	Cum. Raw Energy [Usable] (Wh)	SOC Window (%)	Nom. Battery Pack Total Energy (Wh)
30 s	13.5	15	20	75
60 s	13.5	45	20	225
195 s	25.7	158	20	790
10 min	25.7	658	20	3290
Toyota Prius	25	--	~5	1781
Honda Insight	6	--	~10	936
Honda Civic	n/a	--	n/a	864

- Drive cycle traction power and energy demands satisfied with relatively small battery

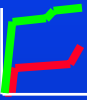
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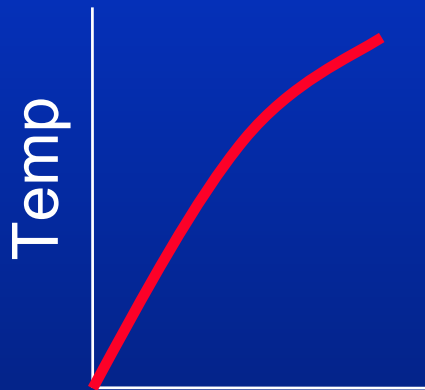
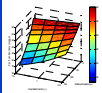
# Tabulating Power and Energy Differences Between the 3 Cycles



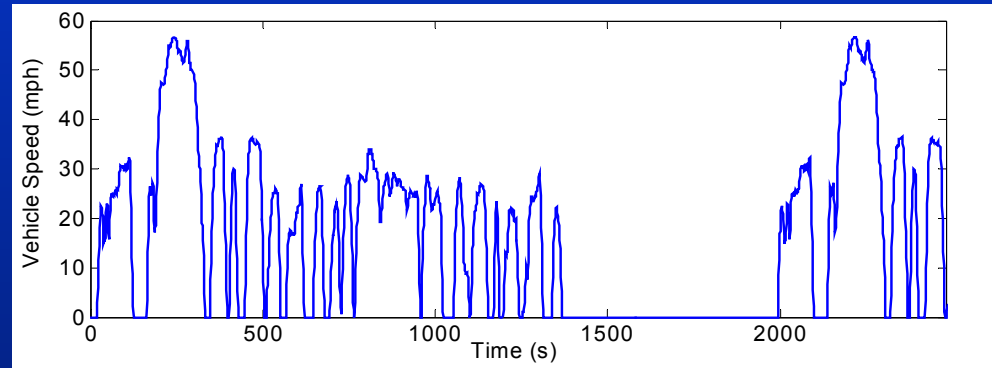
Reformer Warmup Time	Drive Cycle	Power (kW)	Cumulative Raw Energy [Usable] (Wh)	Nominal Battery Pack Total Energy (Wh)
30 s ➡	UDDS	13.5	15	75
	HWFET	14.0	59	295
	US06	34.2	82	410
60 s ➡	UDDS	13.5	45	225
	HWFET	14.3	112	560
	US06	36.7	154	2800

Power Requirement of US06 is ~3X larger; Energy requirement is 5-10X larger

# Methodology for Calculating Fuel Economy Impact of Reformer Startup



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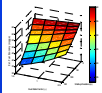


Warm-up time

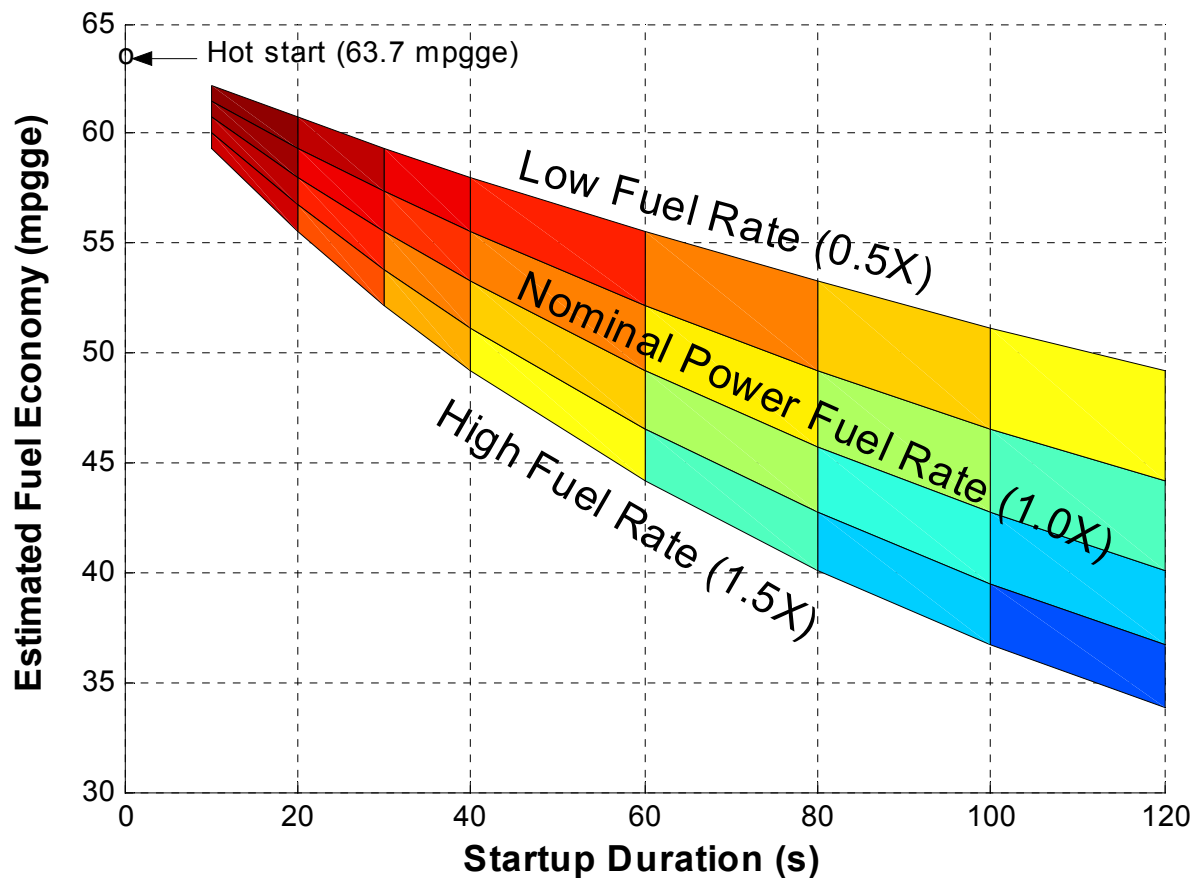
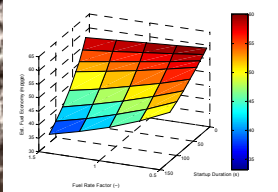
Emissions/fuel use sampled during whole period

$$\text{Total Fuel Consumption} = \frac{\text{Fuel}_{\text{Reformer Warm-up}} + \text{Fuel}_{\text{Drive Cycle}}}{\text{Total Distance}}$$

# Energy Cost (and Impact on FTP FE) of Having a Pre-Cycle Warm-Up (while stationary)



- Fuel economy penalty significant if duration is long or fuel rate is high

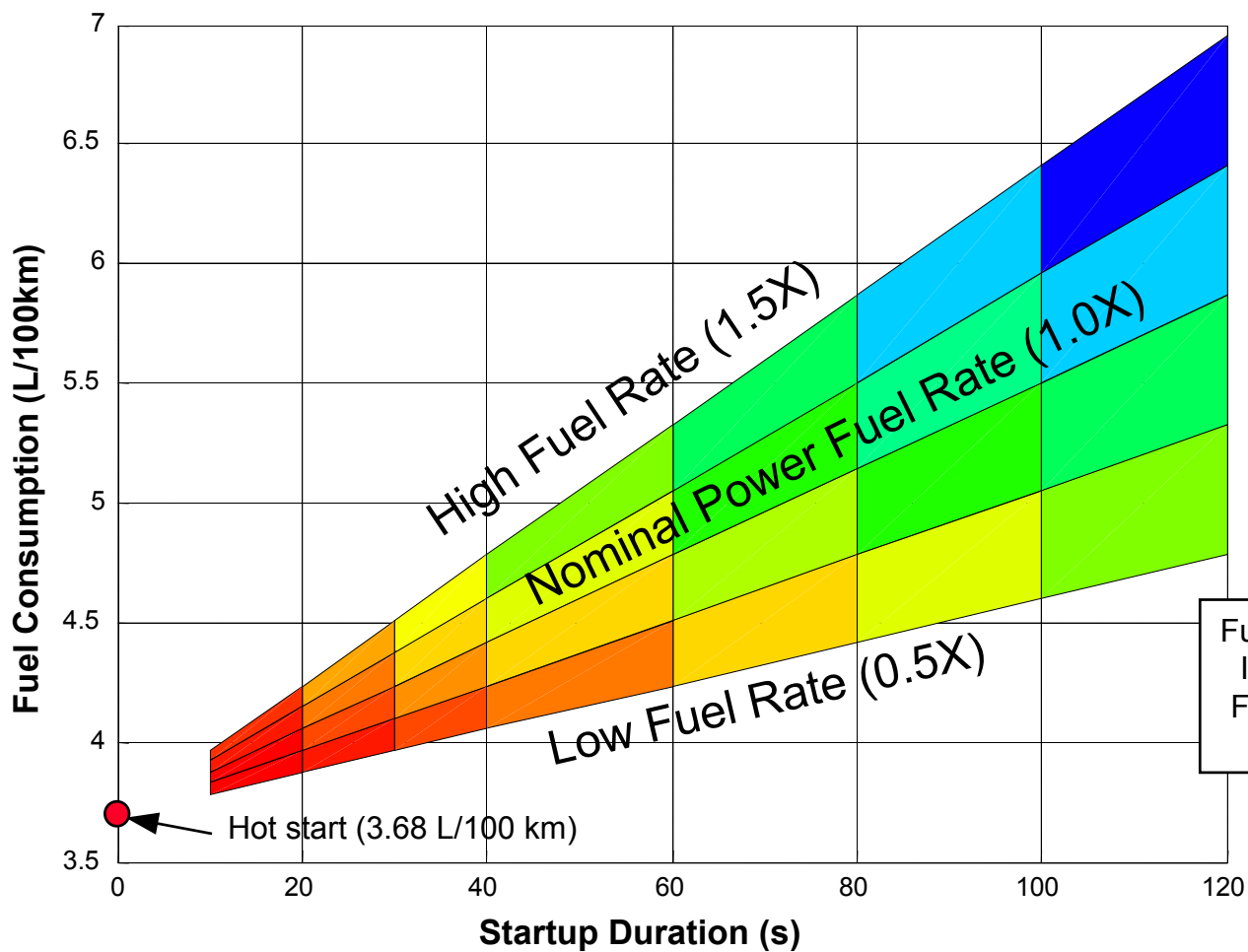
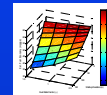


Fuel Rate Factor  
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Note: baseline  
vehicle gets  
61.7 (city)  
85.2 (highway)  
70.5 (combined)

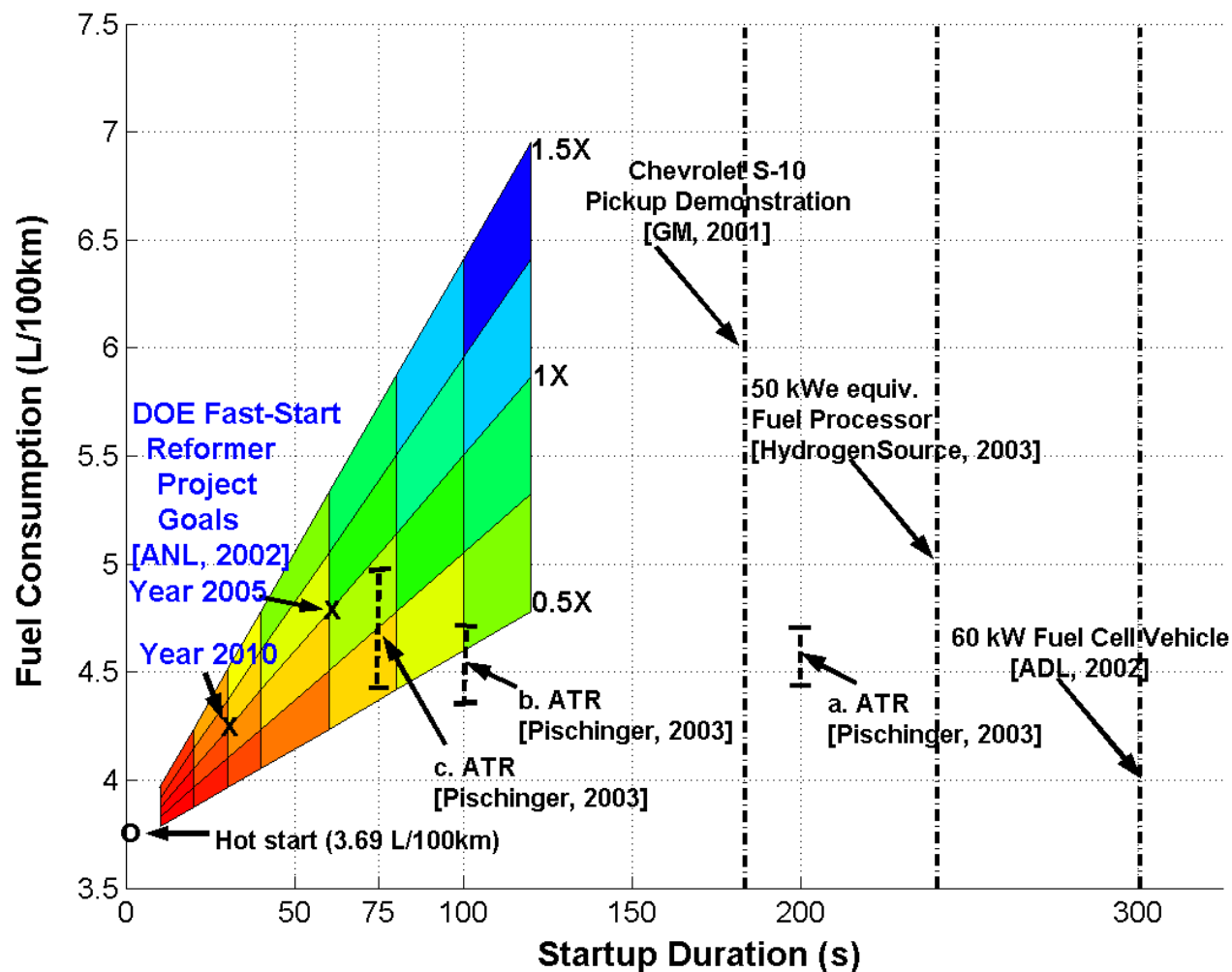
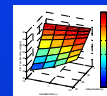


# Looking at Results in L/100 km Makes Linear Relationship Clear

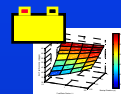


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# DOE Goals and Benchmark Studies/Hardware Indicate Appropriate Range of Interest Has Been Selected

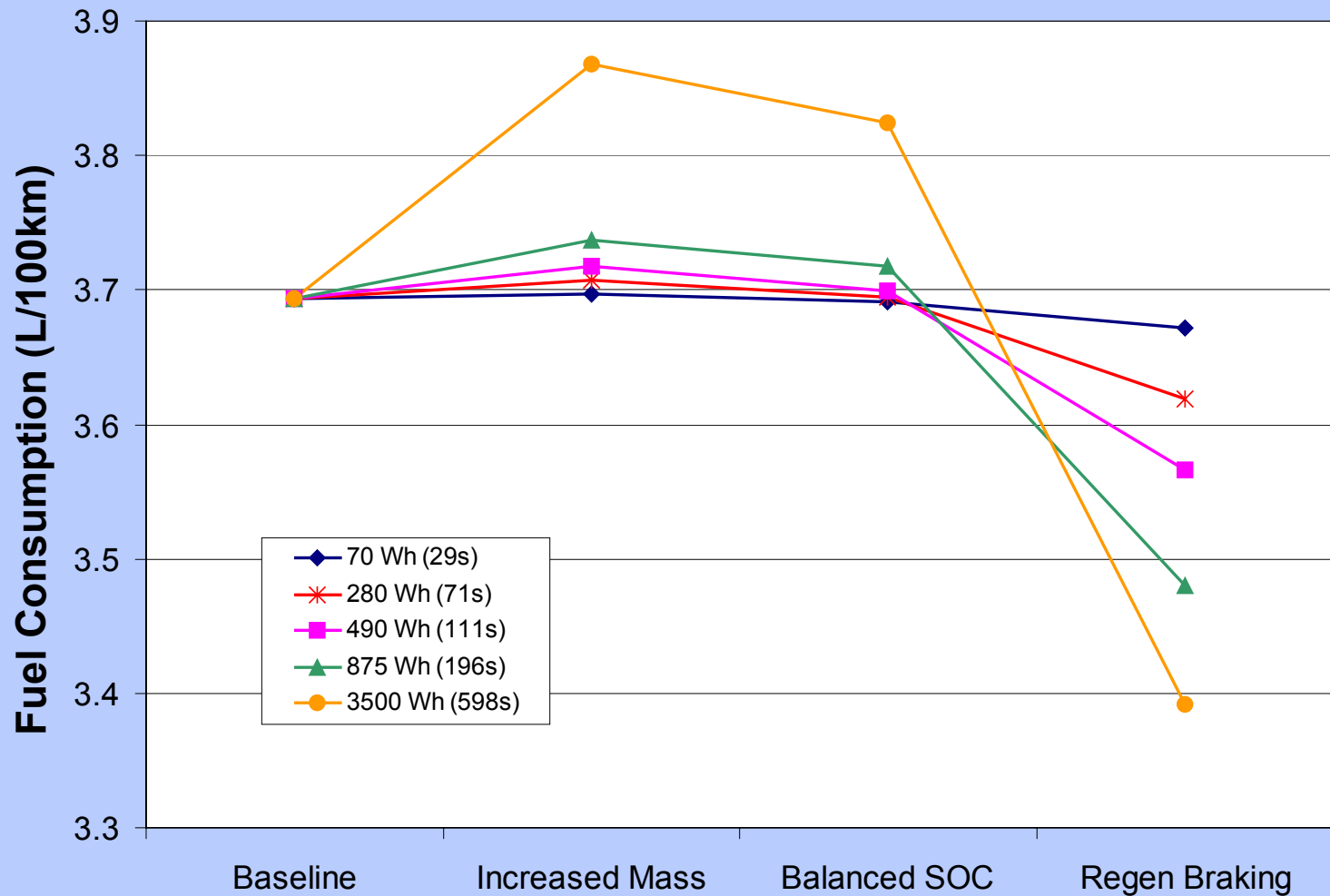
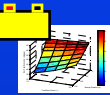


# Examining Combined Impact of Hybridization and Cold-Start: Assumptions

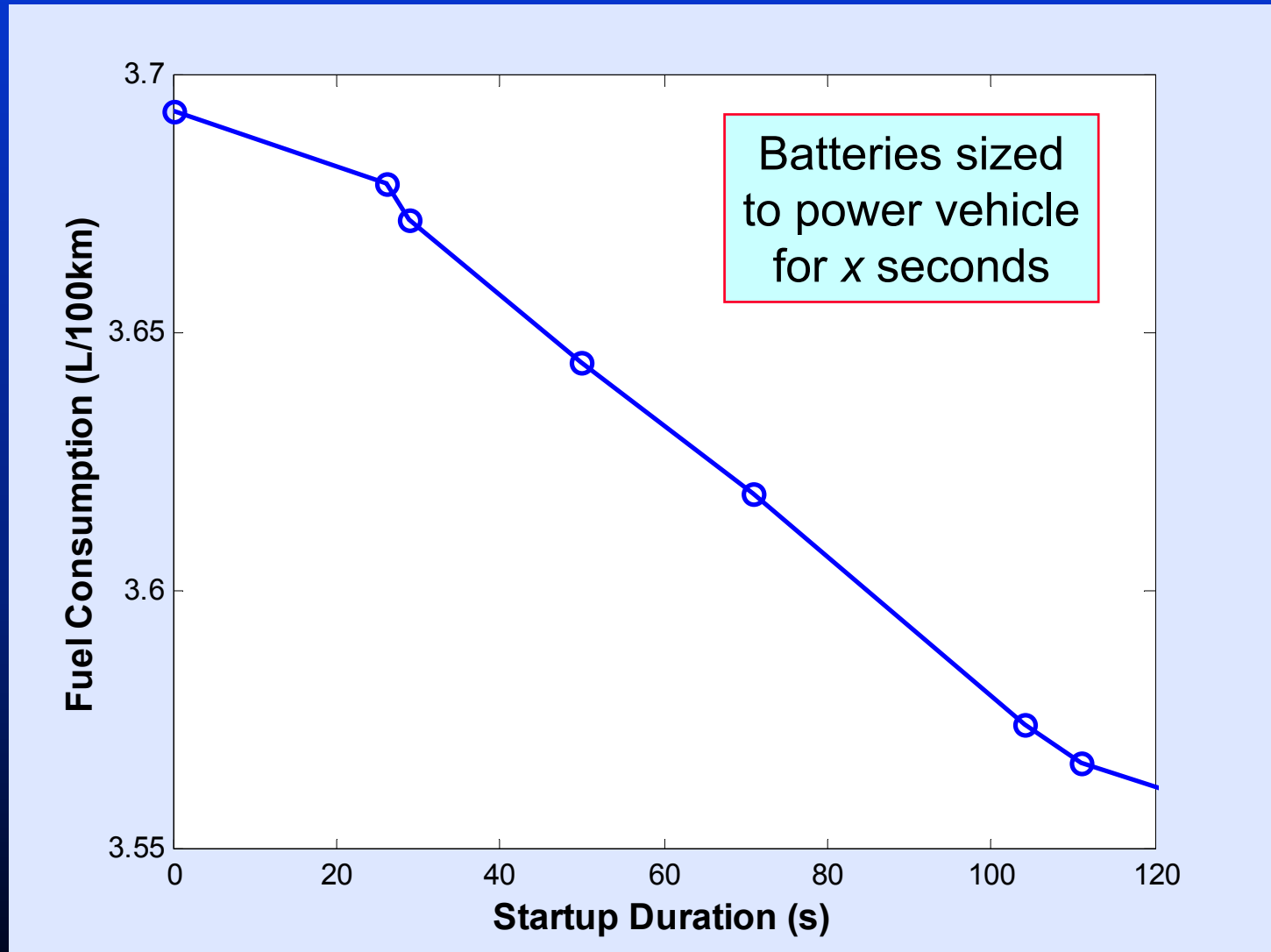
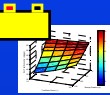


Assumptions	Value	Units
Battery Energy Density	35	Wh/kg
Battery Charging Efficiency	0.85	--
Power Electronics Efficiency	0.95	--
Fuel Cell Reformer System Peak Efficiency	0.43	--
Battery Capacity Usable Window	20	%
Fuel Lower Heating Value	42600	J/g
Fuel Density	749	g/L
Fuel Cell Peak Power Fueling Rate	3.25	g/s
Reformer Fueling Rate Factor	1.0	--

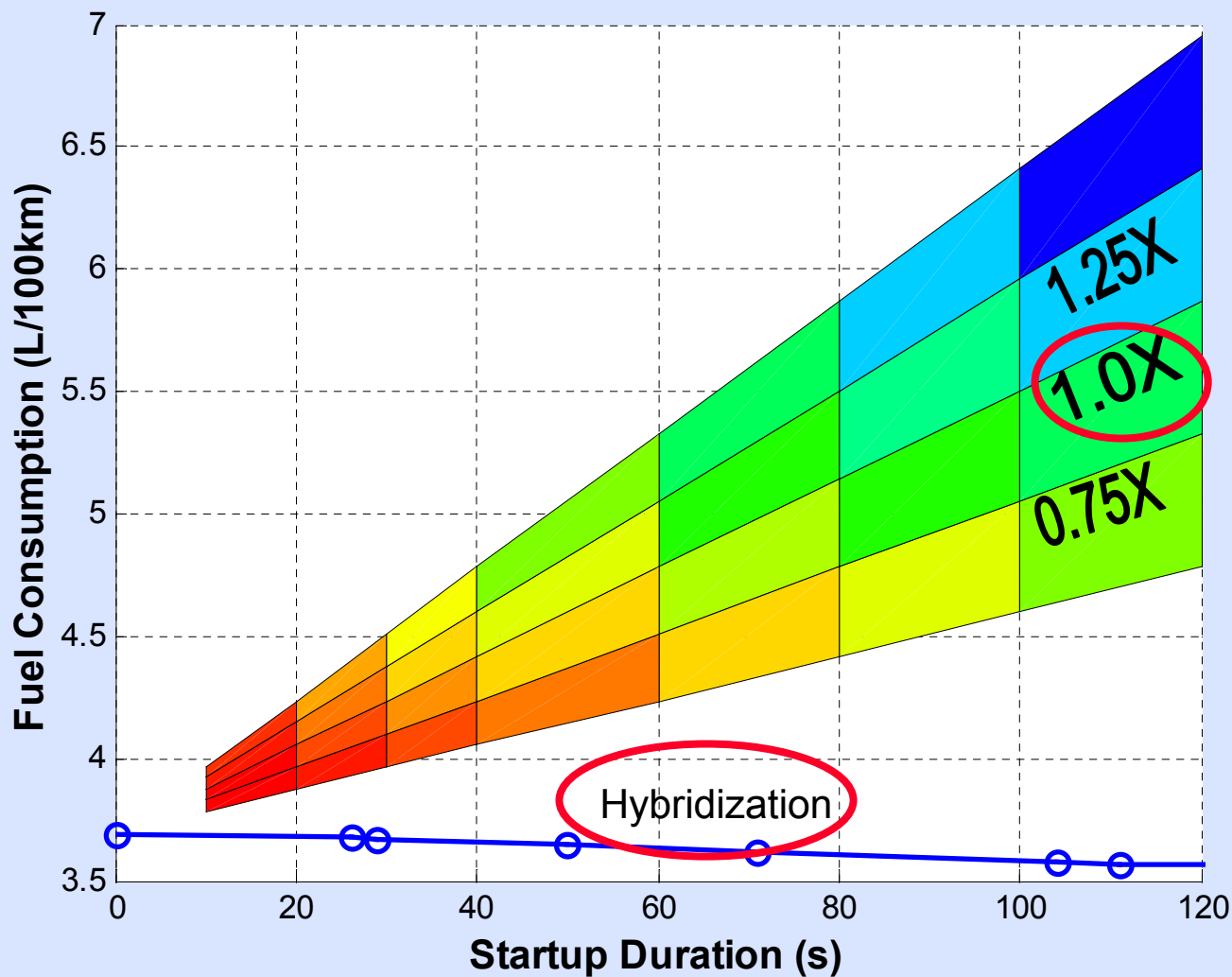
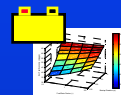
# Fuel Consumption Impacts of Stepwise Application of Hybridization



# Cumulative Effects of Hybridization on Fuel Consumption Including Mass and Regen. Braking Impacts

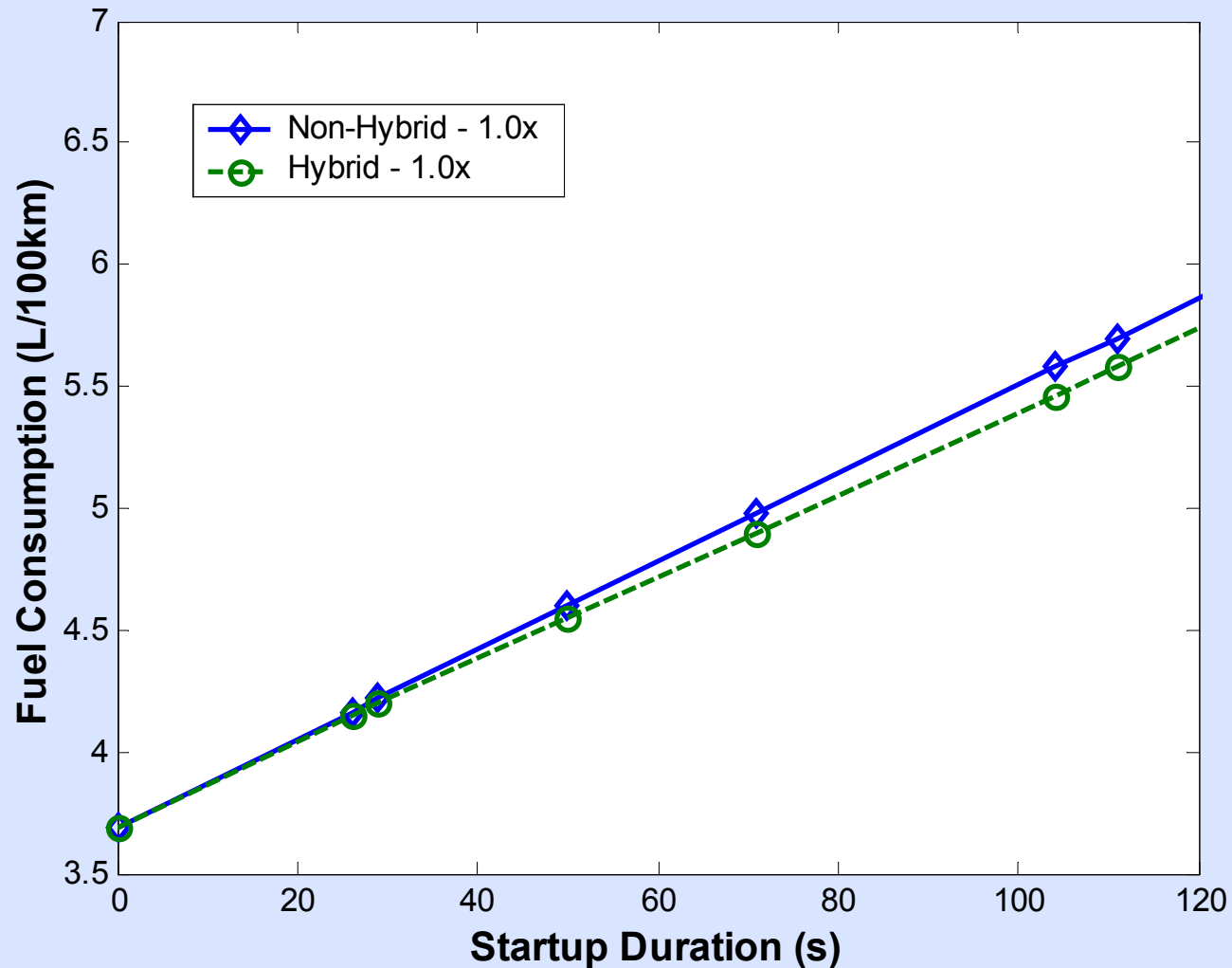
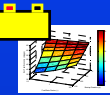


# Hybridization Impacts, Overlaid on Reformer Fuel Consumption Penalty

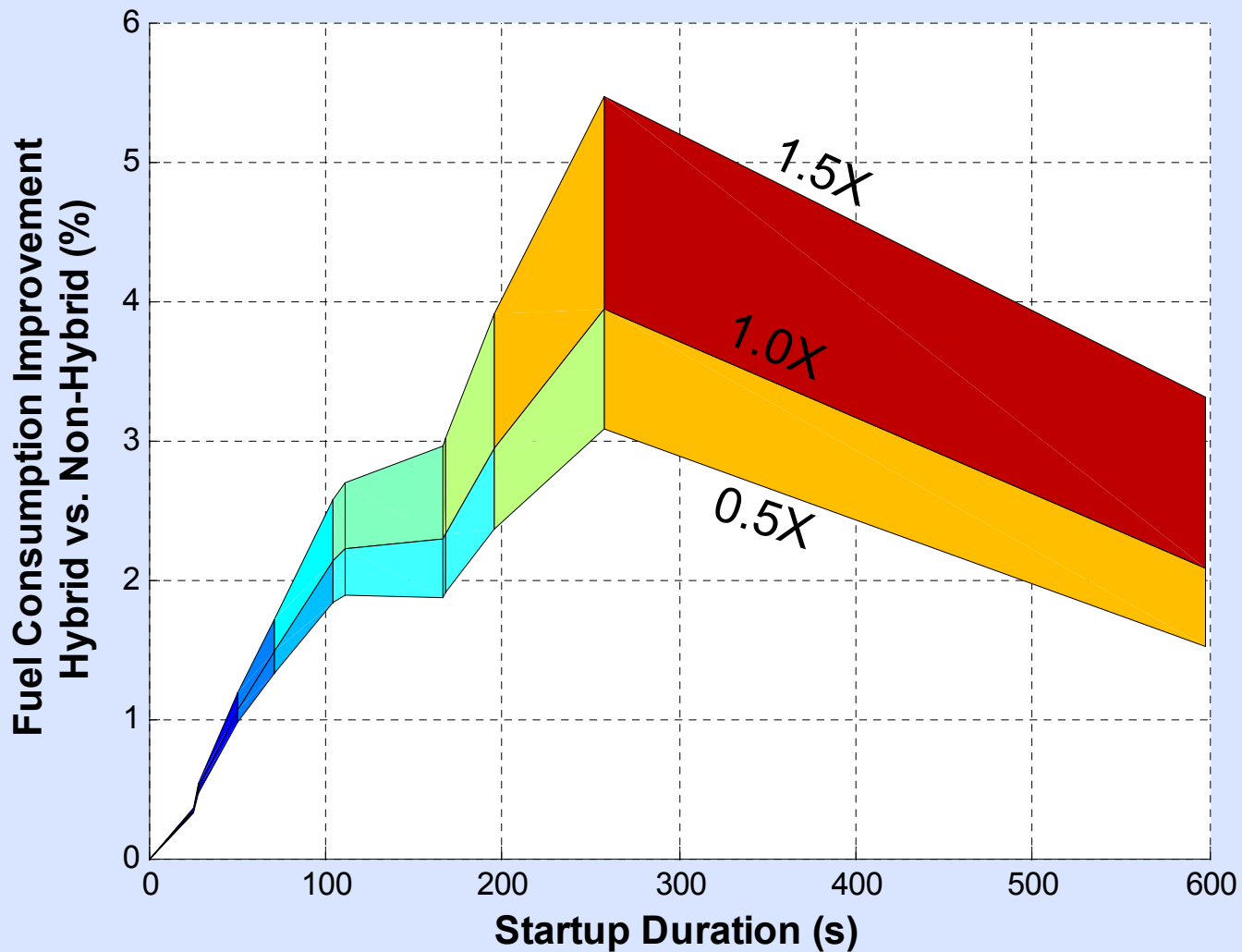
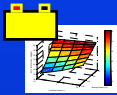




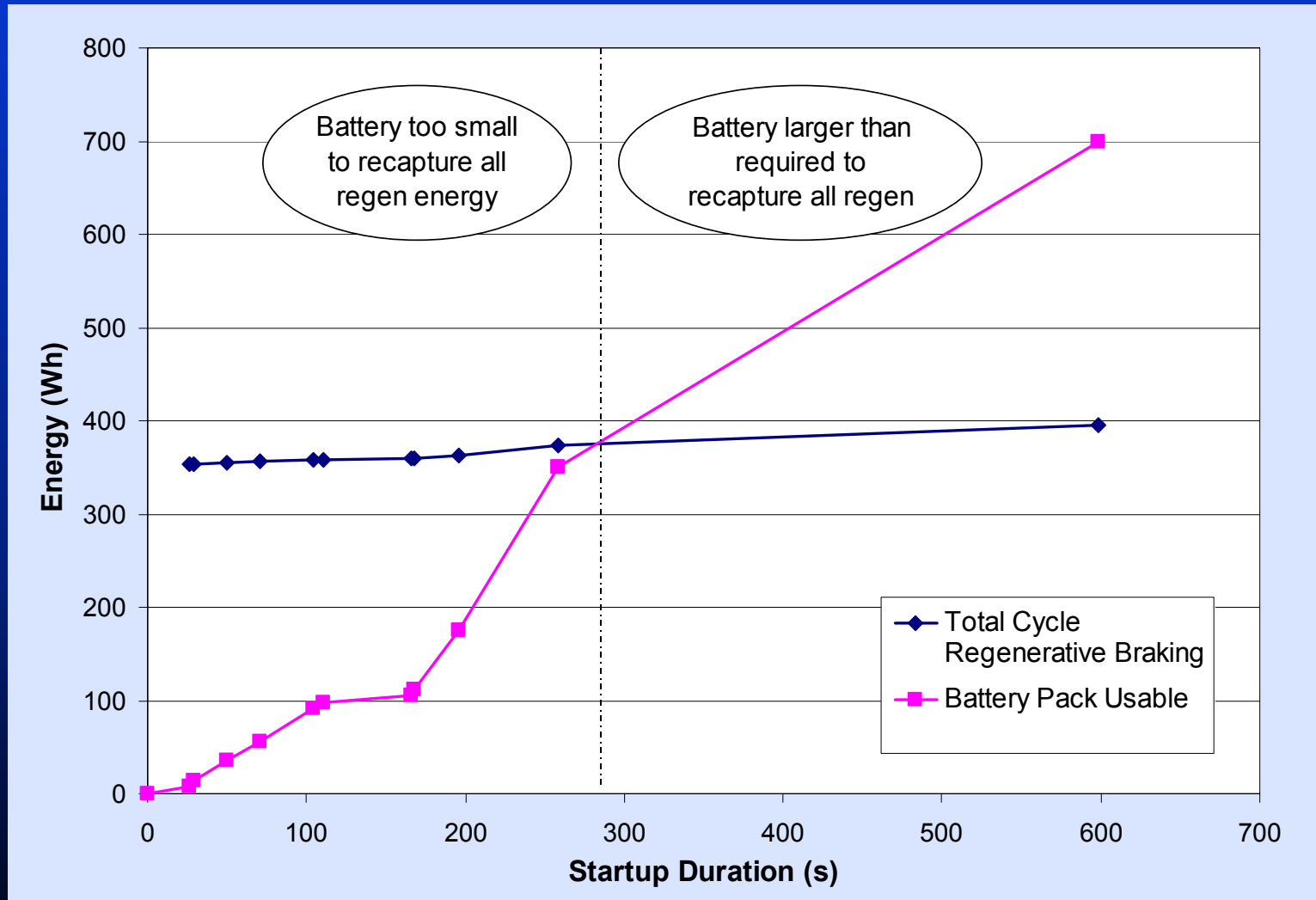
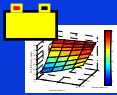
# Fuel Consumption Improves Slightly with Hybridization for 1X Reformer Fueling Rate



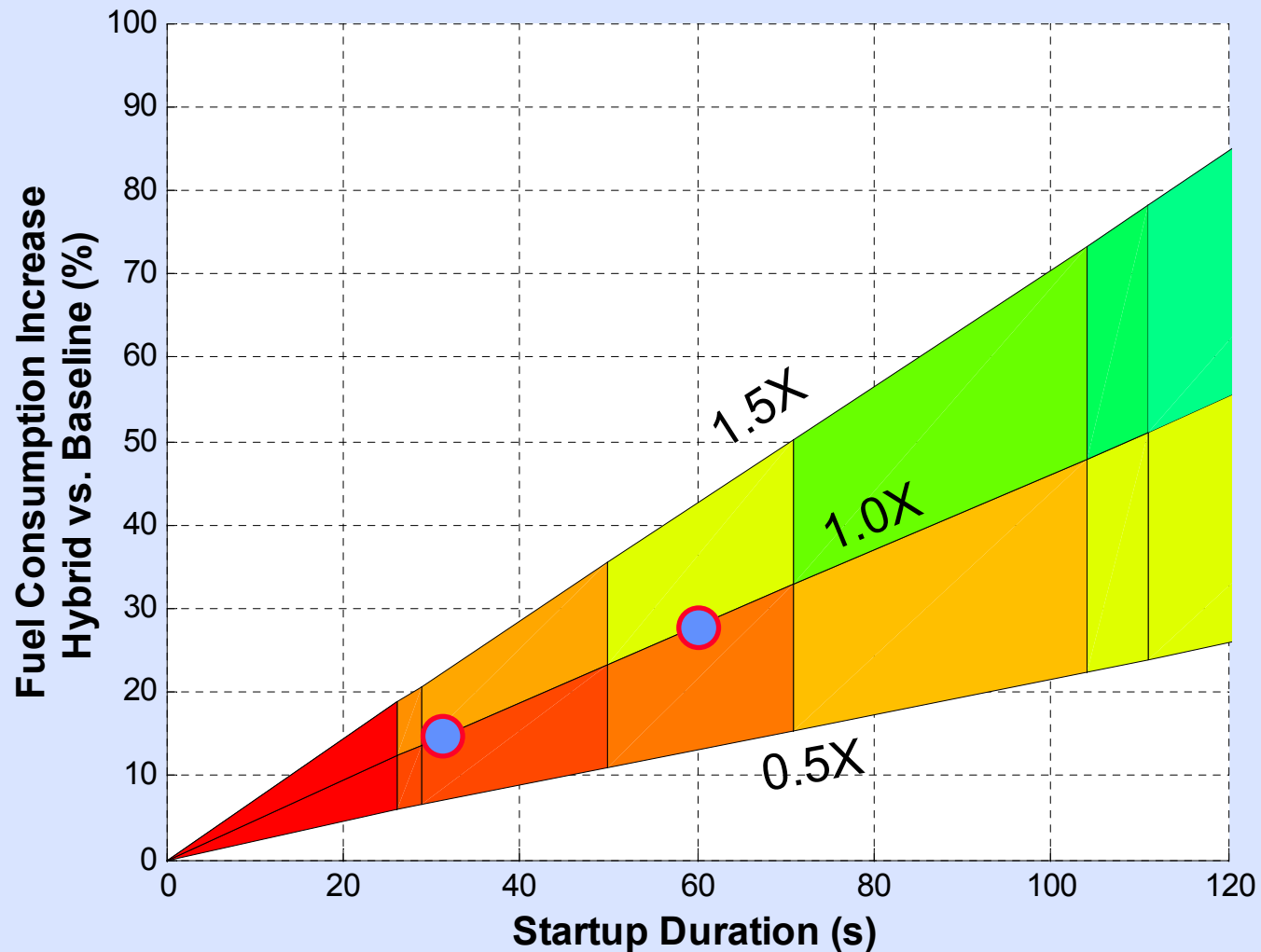
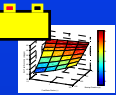
# Fuel Consumption Improvement for Hybrid Features over Nonhybrid Scenario (%)








# Optimal Battery Size Relative to Available Regenerative Braking Energy on FTP



# Putting it all Together: Final Fuel Consumption Prediction Including Hybridization and Cold-Start (%)



# Conclusions

- Minimum power and energy requirements for FTP drive cycle
  -  –  $\frac{1}{4}$  power in 30 seconds,  $\frac{1}{2}$  power in ~3 minutes
  - Low energy requirements: small (225 Wh total cap) if full startup in 60 seconds, medium size (800 Wh total cap) if within 3 minutes
- Energy storage requirements if hybridization is required for startup
  -  – Requirements are in the range of current production HEVs
- Determine off-cycle (non-FTP) requirements for reformer fuel cell systems
  -  – Realistic drive-away requirements are significantly more challenging than FTP: 3X higher power and 5-10X higher energy on US06 vs. FTP
- Fuel consumption impacts of reformer warm-up on FTP
  -  – Impact expected to be 15-30% based on DOE fast-start targets
- Examine combined reformer warmup and hybridization impacts
  -  – Hybridization (sized only to overcome cold-start) improves fuel consumption by 3-6% and serves as an enabling technology for FCVs with reformers